

have paid their membership fee for the present year. It is very desirable to have the membership enrolled before we meet in Conference.

J. C. CASSEL.

Among the Churches

Trans Missouri Flashes

In practical Christian life there can be no better rule than the golden rule.

"The Pastor and his Duties" by Z. L. Liven-good in No. 24 is worth preservation to every preacher.

Love, Truth and Mercy should constitute the preacher's spice.

To make mistakes does not unchristianize any one provided they are not wilful.

"Pulpit Echoes" should not have been discontinued. I quit because I am not regularly preaching.

Internal strife is suicidal to any church.

Rocking individual Christians and sometimes whole churches into lukewarmness is the devil's delight.

Churchmembers who find more pleasure in attending church festivals than in attending prayer-meetings do more harm than all the infidels combined.

Thoughtlessness means weakness in Christian life.

Editorials in No. 24 are multum in parvo and should be read and reread by everybody.

Sectarian bigotry means ignoring the golden rule.

A Christian is a denier of self.

Luxurious living when the Mission cause is suffering is a diet dish up by the devil. This truth may make us squeal but it is self-evident.

Opinions and feelings may deserve respectful recognition but truth is above them.

Drunkenness is bad but stinginess is worse.

Popular sins are just as wrong as unpopular ones but how tenderly some preachers handle them.

"Prophecy unto us smooth things" is the demand of the day.

Love seeks the welfare of its object.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Ottawa, Kans.

I held a meeting in Elk County this State in February where the G. B. brethren had been cutting off some good members for not conforming to Annual meeting; here is a field that had never been worked. It had been reported that we only washed one foot, that we only had lap suppers, that we had no table, that we had no order, that we had only a few members in this State. Thus those who had asked what the Progressives believed and practiced were made to think we did not hold strictly to the Word of God. I began under very unfavorable conditions. The G. B. minister who does most of their preaching told his neighbors that I was afraid to talk. But he changed his mind later. Four of those expelled took a stand with us on the truth alone. We were called back the fourth Sunday in May, had three services with good attentive listeners, altho they had said that we were afraid to come back and if we did we could not get a congregation. Here is a good field to build a strong Brethren church. They want a series of meetings soon and the good folks will help, if not altogether pay for it.

I held a meeting at Godfrey and at Drywood with good results. Baptized two little girls the 10 of May, the day of our communion at Fairview. They are wife's nieces and are staying with us, as they are orphans, one 10, the other 12 years old, young but not too young to try to follow Jesus. I am willing to do revival work this coming winter or do what preaching I can. Would like very much to attend the National Conference but will not be able because of a lack of funds. Hope it

will be the best yet held. I'm glad Brother Teeter is not afraid of spoiled eggs and tin cans.

H. S. ENSLOW.

Fair Haven and Mansfield.

We have now had the pastorate of the Fair Haven church for almost six months, but as yet have made no report of our work. There have been no accessions to the church during this time. Our attention has been given to strengthening the church within. Some good results are beginning to be noticed. The attendance at church service is increasing, both on the part of members and outsiders. We did not have a full attendance at our communion but a goodly number was present and we had a most enjoyable meeting.

The members are taking hold of the work nicely. The seed is being sown and the ground worked in such a manner that we are hopeful of reaping a good harvest when we hold our revival.

We recently organized a Christian Endeavor society with brother C. E. Beekly as president. It was an experiment but has already proven that a Christian Endeavor society can be conducted in the country.

The Mansfield Mission has more than held its own, altho we have had no accessions since our last report. The interest is increasing and the members are more hopeful. Recently we organized a Sister's Society with six members. They have already done some good work, and show indications of becoming a graded auxiliary to the Mission.

By the death of Brother Schmucker the Mission lost one of its active members, but his works will most certainly follow him. He has not labored in vain.

We are now making an effort to purchase a church property. As nearly every one knows we are without a church building to worship in but have worshiped in rented rooms, rented churches, and from house to house. It is hard to do any very successful work in this way. We think that Mansfield, as a place for a Brethren church, is worthy of a most earnest effort. Therefore we have sought every opportunity to push forward the work.

There is now offered us for \$700 a lot, 60x120, and large church building, situated on a paved street in a thriving part of the city, and where another church is much needed. The lot is worth \$600, and while the building is in rather bad condition it is worth at least \$300. We have almost \$200 raised.

At the late Ohio State Conference I received such hearty encouragement in the way of offerings, subscriptions, and invitations by pastors and laymen to come into their churches to solicit aid, that I at once determined to make a tour of the churches of Ohio.

Where I have not been invited to come I have asked permission and it has been granted. Fair Haven church has permitted me to go, while brethren Brown, Beekly and Fetters have consented to fill my appointments. The Mansfield Mission has granted me a leave of absence. I am aware that the undertaking is a great one and I feel the weight of responsibility. I go forth in the strength of the Lord, and believe that the cause will succeed. I ask no remuneration for time or effort, not because I am rich and do not need it, but because my heart is in the work and the cause is in need and worthy of all that I can bestow upon it.

My first point was Homer, where I preached on the evening of June 17. The brethren responded liberally and Brother Jacobs, the pastor, volunteered to do some soliciting for me and send me the amount raised.

But perhaps I have already written more than our editor cares to publish. Let it suffice to say that I expect to press on with the work as rapidly as possible and the Brethren of Ohio will hear more of the work when I meet them face to face.

H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

Report of Maryland and Virginia Conference held at St. James, Md., May 20-23, 1902

The conference was called to order at 2:30 P M Wednesday May 20, 1902. E B Shaver was called to the chair and conducted the devotional exercises. On motion of H N Cross, Dr V M Reichard was made temporary chairman. Sister Lucy M Hall was elected temporary secretary. E B Shaver moved that the chair appoint the necessary committees. The chair appointed the following committees to report at the evening session: On organization and rules: E B Shaver, T J Fahrney and S P Fogle; on credentials: G A Copp, Andrew Coffman and C O Woods.

The address of welcome was made by the pastor J I Hall, and responded to by E B Shaver, Geo A Copp, A Coffman, and S P Fogle. Adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

Devotional services led by Dr Reichard, prayer by J C Cassel. Minutes of the afternoon session read and approved. The committee on organization and rules reported the following: Chairman, Dr V M Reichard, assistant chairman, J M Tombaugh, secretary, Geo A Copp; assistant secretary, Elizabeth Sheely.

CONFERENCE RULES

1 Conference shall consist of all ministers and members who are properly delegated either by written or verbal authority.

2 All members present shall be empowered to vote who are received as delegates.

3 No delegate shall have more than one vote unless representing two or more congregations.

4 Generally accepted parliamentary rules shall govern the conference.

5 No speaker shall be recognized until he has addressed the chair.

6 The chairman shall recognize the first speaker he sees or hears.

7 No speaker shall address the conference on the same subject more than twice and not longer than fifteen minutes for the first and five minutes for the second speech except by consent of the conference.

8 Amendments to the foregoing rules shall be in order at any time of the conference.

9 All members present shall have equal privileges of the conference, except that the delegates only shall be allowed to vote.

Signed,

E B SHAVER

S P FOGLE

T J FAHRNEY.

On motion report was adopted.

Committee on credentials reported the following delegates present, Lay delegates,—Liberty, Va., S P Fogle, C O Wood; Bethlehem, Va., Lucy M Hall; St. James, Md., Dallas Hammond, H N Cross, Isaiah Sheely, Andrew Coffman, J F Mullen, Dr V M Reichard; Hagerstown, Md., Benjamin Emmart, Joseph Zeigler, Anna Emmert, Julia Schindel; Mt. Zion, Va., John E Copp. Ministerial delegates,—Mrs Laura E N Hedrick, Dayton, Va., E B Shaver, Maurertown and Mt. Olive, Va.; Geo A Copp, Fisher's Hill, Va.; Joseph I Hall, Lydia, Md.; J M Tombaugh, Hagerstown, Md.; W M Lyon, Washington, D. C.; Joshua Long, Downsville Md.

Report of committee accepted and committee continued.

The reading of minutes of last conference dispensed with.

The topic "Christian Unity" was discussed at length by E B Shaver, J C Cassel, J M Tombaugh, W M Lyon and Dr Reichard. Adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened at 9:30 A M with Scripture reading by S P Fogle and prayer by Geo A Copp.

Minutes of last session read and approved. The topic "Is the Brethren Church Doing its Proportionate Share in Evangelizing the World," was discussed by Geo A Copp, J C Cassel, W M Lyon, Laura E N Hedrick, S P Fogle and J I Hall. The remarks brought forth the fact that a foreign mis-